Application Number: 10/607,768

Reply to Final O.A. of August 9, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005. In

response thereto, claims 13 and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 11,

15, and 18 are amended. As a result, claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-12, and 14-19 are pending in the

present application.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Costello, U.S.

Patent No. 6,124,723 (hereinafter "Costello"). Claims 11-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

as being unpatentable over Costello in view of Schwidt. Claim 20 was objected to as being

dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent from.

To expedite the prosecution, claim 11 is amended to include the allowable features

recited in claims 13 and 20 which are now canceled. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that

claim 11 and its dependent claims, claims 12 and 14-19, are patentable over the cited references.

Also, Applicant has noted that claims 1-2 and 4-9 have been allowed.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in

condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are

respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving any remaining

issues, please contact the undersigned at 612-752-7367.

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